

## REMARKS

Provisional Application 60/134,110 entitled "Method for Reversible Binding of Molecules to Metal Substrates Through Affinity Interactions" was filed on May 14, 1999 by inventor Jaime Ramirez Vick and his assignee Iris Biotechnologies, Inc. A copy of the filing receipt of Provisional Application 60/134,110 accompanies this Petition.

Non-provisional United States Patent Application 09/571,084 entitled "Reversible Binding of Molecules to Metal Substrates Through Affinity Interactions" was filed May 15, 2000 by inventor Jaime Ramirez Vick and his assignee Iris Biotechnologies, Inc. One of the documents filed in response to the Notice to File Missing Parts in that application was a VERIFIED STATEMENT (DECLARATION) CLAIMING SMALL-ENTITY STATUS (37 CFR 1.9(c-f) and 1.27 (b-d) naming the above-named provisional application 60/134,110. A copy of the documents filed in response to the Notice to File Missing Parts is enclosed.

Non-provisional United States Patent Application 09/571,084 is entitled to claim priority to provisional application 60/134,110 since application 09/571,084 has the same inventor and subject matter as that provisional application, and was filed on the first working day (May 15, 2000) following the one-year anniversary of the filing date (May 14, 1999) of provisional application 60/134,110. Enclosed is a copy of a calendar for May 2000 showing that May 14, 2000 was a Sunday and that May 15, 2000 was a Monday, the first working day following May 14, 2000.

The present application, which is a continuation of application 09/571,084 (filed on Monday, May 15, 2000), is entitled to claim the benefit of provisional application 60/134,110 filed on May 14, 1999, since the parent application is entitled to the benefit of that provisional application, since the inventor of the non-provisional application is the inventor of the provisional application, there is common subject matter in both applications, and the parent non-provisional application was filed on the first business day after the one-year anniversary of the filing date of the provisional application.

Enclosed is a copy of a Petition to Accept an Unintentionally Delayed Priority Claim Under 37 CFR 1.119(e) which is being filed concurrently with this Amendment.

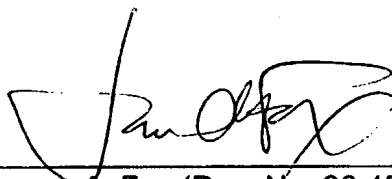
### CONCLUSION

Entry of the amendment, and consideration and allowance of the pending claims is requested.

Although no fee is believed to be due, the Commissioner is authorized to charge (or credit any overpayment) deposit account No. 08-1641 referencing Attorney Docket No. 99999-0208 in payment for the fees due for this Amendment.

Respectfully submitted,

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